



Fun Apple Facts!

- There are more than 7,500 different apple varieties grown worldwide
- Apples are a member of the rose family, along with pears, peaches, plums and cherries.
- The world's largest apple peel was created by Kathy Wafler Madison on October 16, 1976, in Rochester, NY and was 172 feet, 4 inches long. (She was 16 years old at the time and grew up to be a sales manager for an apple tree nursery.)
- 25% of an apple's volume is air, which is why they float.
- According to the Guinness Book of Records, the largest apple ever picked from a tree weighed three pounds, two ounces, and was picked in Caro, Michigan.
- The U.S. produced 10 billion pounds of apples in 2006, more than 1/2 were grown in Washington state.
- The 11th labor of Hercules was bringing home the Golden Apple of the Hesperides out of the mythical West.
- Americans eat about 19.6 pounds of fresh apples annually, compared to about 46 pounds consumed annually by residents of European Countries.
- If you grew 100 apple trees from the seeds of the same tree, the new apple trees would all be different.